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In re

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For: ACTUATOR USING DISPLACEMENT ELEMENT  
(as amended)  
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

In compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants wish to bring the following items to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of each item is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

- (1) Mori et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,613,782, issued September 23, 1986;
- (2) "Developing of a Small Actuator with Three Degrees of Rotational Freedom (1<sup>st</sup> Report)" by K. Sasae et al., Journal of Precision Engineering Institution, Volume 61, No. 3, 1995, pages 386-390;
- (3) "Developing of a Small Actuator with Three Degrees of Rotational Freedom (2<sup>nd</sup> Report)" by K. Sasae et

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al., Journal of Precision Engineering Institution,  
Volume 61, No. 4, 1995, pages 532-536;

(4) "Developing of a Small Actuator with Three Degrees of Rotational Freedom (3<sup>rd</sup> Report)" by K. Sasae et al., Journal of Precision Engineering Institution, Volume 62, No. 4, 1996, pages 599-603; and

(5) "2. Explanation of a Driving Principle and Configuration of an Ultrasonic Linear Actuator" of "Manufacture and Estimation of Thin Ultrasonic Linear Motor" by S. Nagatome et al., Collection of Lecture of Precision Engineering Institution, in Spring, 1998, page 544.

No representation is made, and no representation is intended, that more relevant material does not exist, or that the order of presentation of this material in any way reflects its relative pertinence. The references cited above are not intended to constitute an admission of any kind. Specifically, this presentation is not an admission that the items listed above are properly citable against the above-identified application.

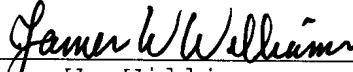
Applicants consider the invention to be distinguishable over the above-cited documents.

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